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- 1. REGRET THAT SCST UNABLE TO PROVIDE UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 12 DECISION ON WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH MARCH 18-28 PROGRAM WITH GVISHIANI AS LEADER OF USSR DELEGATION OR TO POSTPONE UNTIL MID- MAY AT EARLIEST.
- 2. PRONSKIY'S INITIAL REACTION IS THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL MAY. HE HAD JUST BEEN TALKING WITH KIRILLIN BY TELEPHONE, AND KIRILLIN INDICATED THAT ANYTIME AFTER APRIL 20 WOULD BE SATISFACTORY FOR HIM. PRONSKIY FEELS THAT IT MAY BE AWKWARD TO DEPUTIZE REPLACEMENT FOR KIRILLIN AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE (A) FIRST MEETING OF JOINT COMMISSION IS VERY IMPORTANT AND SOVDEL SHOULD BE LED BY PERSON OFHIGHEST LEVEL, AND (B) KIRILLIN HAS STRONG DESIRE TO ATTEND MEETING AFTER SO MANY POSTPONEMENTS, PARTLY AS HONOR- SAVING DISPLAY THAT HE CAN, AFTER ALL, "COME THROUGH." SOVIET SIDE REGARDS THIS FIRST MEETING AS VERY SIGNIFICANT STEP IN US- USSR S AND T RELATIONS AND WANTS IT TO BE "JUST RIGHT," WITH KIRILLIN AT HEAD.

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3. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF URGENT NEED TO HOLD MEETING AND BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF WORK PROGRAM UNDER S & T AGREEMENT, PRONSKIY IS TAKING MATTER UP AGAIN WITH KIRILLIN AND GVISHIANI AND WILL REPORT MONDAY, MARCH 12, AT LATEST. FYI: IT TURNS OUT THAT GVISHIANI IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN VIENNA MARCH 15-24 FOR MEETINGS AT EAST- WEST INSITTUTE. BERDENNIKOV THINKS IT IS 100 PERCENT UNLIKELY THAT GVISHIANI WOULD, THEREFORE, BE WILLING OR ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MARCH 18-2 8 PROGRAM IN US. END FYI.

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